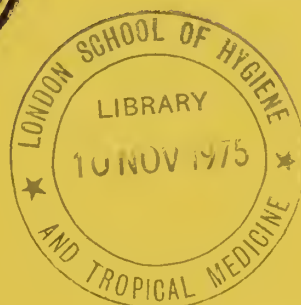


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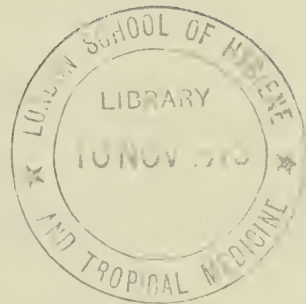



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1972

TOGETHER WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1972, prepared in accordance with the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/73.

I am happy to report that once again the health of the district remained good.

The estimated population of Haslemere was 13,510, an increase of 70 during the year.

Births and Deaths

The birth rate of 13.1 per thousand population is lower than last year and well below the national figure of 14.8 which itself has dropped from 16.0 in 1971.

The death rate of 10.6 per thousand has dropped since last year's figure of 11.6 and is lower than the national figure of 12.1.

Of the 231 deaths in Haslemere 119 were due to diseases of the heart and arteries and 42 were due to malignant disease, of these last 7 were due to cancer of the lung; one more than last year.

Infectious Diseases

The incidence of notifiable disease was once again minimal.

By the time the statistics for 1973 have been worked out and my report for that year is ready for presentation, interest will have shifted to the affairs of the new Waverley District which has already been formed to absorb The Urban District of Farnham, The Borough of Godalming, The Rural District of Hambledon and The Urban District of Haslemere. I have therefore taken this opportunity of looking back over the past forty years, the period for which we hold the Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health. To quote from our Year Book the following information is of interest "The Local Government Act, 1894, divided the country into districts and created Urban and Rural District Councils to administer them. Local affairs for the old town of Haslemere were administered partly by the Haslemere Parish Council and partly by the Hambledon Rural District Council, until, by an order made by the Surrey County Council and confirmed on 19th February, 1913, the Parish of Haslemere was constituted an Urban District".

Later the District was enlarged and was divided into four wards, viz., Grayswood, Haslemere, Hindhead and Churt and Shottermill.

The first Medical Officer of Health was Dr. Roger Hutchinson. His early reports are missing but in May, 1932, he wrote as follows:- "In presenting my Nineteenth Annual Report, we are on the threshold of great changes in the district. I regret to record that the comprehensive Joint Drainage Scheme for the District has fallen through, owing mainly to financial reasons. The past year has been largely concerned, in addition to the ordinary routine of health matters, in plans for the enlargement of the Urban District. On the whole the year 1931 has been a healthy one, unmarked by outstanding events beyond the above".

The phrase that the health of the district has remained good recurs throughout the years from then till the present time.

Haslemere has been served by five Medical Officers of Health; Dr. Hutchinson from 1913 to 1932, Dr. C.E.P. Fowler for 1933, Dr. J.E. Haine from 1934 to 1962, Dr. T.R. Bennett from 1963 to my appointment in 1967. After the boundary changes in 1933 the population was estimated at 9,299 and there were 2,526 inhabited houses on the rate books, whereas today the estimated population is 13,510 and the number of inhabited houses 4,673.

The average number of persons per house has dropped by one during the past forty years.

The water supply for the district has remained virtually the same since Dr. Hutchinson's time although the ownership of the Urban District's undertaking has been transferred to the West Surrey Water Board and the Key Valley Water Company has become part of the Mid Southern Water Company. The supplies have always been good.

Drainage and sewerage on the other hand have presented the Council with serious problems. In his report for 1931 Dr. Hutchinson wrote "At the present time the Sewage Works are overloaded", and I note that there were still 73 earth closets and 40 cesspools in the district at that time. By 1936 matters had improved and Dr. Haine was able to write "completion of the new sewage works at Shottermill and the reconstruction of the Grayswood works should relieve all difficulties of drainage over a large part of the district. There remains the problem of Hindhead, where the need for a main drainage scheme has for long been recognized".

Dr. Haine continued to bemoan the unsatisfactory drainage arrangements for the Hindhead area year by year and in 1948 said that the combined scheme to drain Hindhead, Churt, Frensham and Tilford appears to have made no progress. In 1954 he wrote that the scheme originally envisaged had been abandoned due to high costs. By 1958 to add to the District's problems it was becoming clear that the Shottermill Works would have to be enlarged but in his final report for the year 1961, Dr. Haine was able to say that work on the Hindhead Sewerage Scheme had been started though the need for enlargement of the Shottermill Works was becoming ever more urgent. During my tenure the Hindhead drainage scheme has had its problems and although the reconstructed works at Shottermill has vastly improved the quality of the effluent, the Thames Conservancy has now raised its requirements as regards the ammonia content and yet more money is having to be spent to meet the new standard.

Infectious Diseases

The pattern of infectious diseases has changed since Dr. Haine wrote in his first report "Scarlet Fever continues to be the most widespread of the notifiable infectious diseases" and "Diphtheria appears to be on the increase in this country". The number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified is now down to 2 or 3 a year while the last case of Diphtheria was in 1947. The decline in Scarlet Fever cannot be readily explained but considerable credit must be given to our immunisation measures for the virtual disappearance of Diphtheria.

The control of Poliomyelitis is also a success story for immunisation. This disease, which caused considerable anxiety in the nineteen fifties was brought under control by inoculation within a period of about four years.

Of recent years the cases which have given the Health Department the most cause for concern have been those of intestinal infections brought home by holiday-makers to Southern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Housing

The story of the Council's activities in the field of housing can be divided into the period before the war and the period after. Before the war the emphasis was on the inspection of existing houses for defects and taking the necessary steps to get these defects remedied. Dr. Hutchinson when writing his last report in 1932 did not consider that Haslemere had a serious problem. He wrote as follows:- "Owing to the erection of "Council" houses and a number of workmen's dwellings by "The Haslemere Tenants Ltd.," the shortage of small houses has, to a large extent, been met. There is still a need for more. In some cases young couples are unable to marry for want of lodging, and in others, when married, are obliged to lodge in one or two rooms in a cottage. The rents of many of the newer houses are, unfortunately, out of proportion to the present rate of wages, and entail the taking of lodgers."

As a result of the Housing Act, 1935, steps were taken to ascertain the amount of overcrowding in the district. An extra Inspector was appointed and 1,128 houses were inspected during the year. However, only 10 were found to be overcrowded by the standard laid down in the Act.

Dr. Haine commented at the time that the standard did not appear to be a very high one for this type of district.

In 1931 there were 1,181 inhabited houses for a population of 4,340 and after the enlargement of the District in 1933 the number of houses was 2,526 for a population of 9,299. In his report for that year Dr. Fowler remarked that "the position of housing in this district as compared with that in most other parts of the country may be said to be good." By 1938 there had been little change when the figures showed 2,681 inhabited houses for a population of 9,540. Nevertheless, the number of houses which had been built or acquired by the Council was 189.

With the advent of war new building came virtually to a standstill but by 1944, the future pattern could be seen and Dr. Haine wrote: "Housing must be a matter of the greatest importance as soon as circumstances permit after the war. Practically no maintenance has been possible, and the general standard of houses shows deterioration in consequence. In addition there has been a considerably higher average of occupants per house, so that many buildings have unavoidably fallen into a state of disrepair."

At this stage the Council thought it necessary to appoint for the first time a Housing Manager.

In 1946 Dr. Haine wrote "Considerable progress can be reported in the preliminary work of providing for the housing needs of the district. Sites have been selected and provisional programmes agreed. At Woolmer Hill it is planned to erect 100 temporary bungalows whilst the Sicklemill site will provide for 96 houses."

Progress was slow and in 1948 Dr. Haine wrote "Housing is still the most serious concern of the Council."

In 1949 he went on to say that the rate of new buildings was not keeping pace with the growth of the list of applicants for new houses, in spite of the fact that the Council had built 92 houses since the end of the war. At that time there were still 32 requisitioned houses occupied by 151 family units augmented by 100 "prefabs".

By the time of Dr. Haine's last report in 1961 he had relatively little to say about housing. He reported that the number on the housing list was 117 and that during the year 5 houses had been built by the Council, 2 by private housing associations and 50 by private enterprise. Under the clearance of unfit houses programme 5 families had been moved from sub-standard accommodation and the total number dealt with since 1956 was 52. Slum clearance, as such, was never a problem in Haslemere and in the original assessment only 80 houses were listed as totally unfit and these were dealt with gradually as individual unfit houses.

By 1954 the Council had built 376 houses but after that the Council building slowed down while building by private enterprise continued to increase. However, in 1971 there was a spurt when 33 houses were built by the Council to replace the prefabs, while 124 were built by private enterprise and 22 by Housing Associations.

Throughout this time the inspection of unfit houses continued and during the post war years 88 houses in the private sector were dealt with as unfit for human habitation, 26 of these being demolished and 62 modernised and brought back into use. Improvement grants have enabled a large number of properties to be brought up to an acceptable standard and provided with the basic amenities.

This brings us up to the present position of 4,673 inhabited houses for the population of 13,510 but despite all that has been done housing remains a problem as there are still 220 names on the housing list, the highest figure since the early nineteen-fifties.

No review of this nature would be complete without reference to the war years when Haslemere was designated a reception area under the Government Scheme. In his report for 1939 Dr. Haine recorded that preparations were completed by the Chief Billeting Officer for the reception of some 3,500 evacuees. Three Dispersal Centres were arranged, namely, the Church Room, Shottermill, Beacon Hill Hall and Haslemere School. At these Dispersal Centres arrangements were made for the medical examination of every evacuee before billeting. Only 2,237 evacuees actually arrived, 1,166 school children and teachers, 1,032 mothers and children under school age and 39 expectant mothers representing some 64% of those prepared for.

The major defects discovered were verminous heads 32, minor injuries (cuts, etc.) 14, impetigo 10 and general medical conditions 41. Almost every case of infestation and of contagious or infectious disease was discovered and treatment arranged.

Subsequently four clinics were opened and did excellent work in bringing these troubles under control. Verminous heads were probably the worst difficulty with impetigo a good second. Quedley, Vicarage Lane was generously offered for the purpose of a minor hospital in which to treat evacuees whose troubles were too difficult to be treated in their billets. The staff at Quedley consisted of Dr. Beck, Miss Maynard, Voluntary Matron, Nurse Good and a cook. Nursing and domestic help was provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the W.V.S.

Many children were found to be unsuitable for billeting in private houses either from their habits, temperament or inability to conform to the discipline of a well ordered home. It was found that these children were happier when placed in groups and kept in hostels. As time went on a great number of the mothers returned to London, but in some cases they were willing to leave their children in Haslemere provided they could be satisfactorily accommodated. Hollyridge, Shepherds Hill lent itself admirably for adaptation for a residential nursery and 21 children had been admitted by the end of the first year.

Without question, one of the greatest surprises was the number of children subject to bed wetting. The magnitude of this problem could never have been anticipated and for many months the proper treatment and disposal of these children was one of the greatest problems. Despite all efforts to make the evacuees happy and comfortable their number was reduced to 1,084 by Christmas. It was not until the end of 1944 that Dr. Haine found time to produce his reports for the years 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943.

During that time the general health of the district had remained extremely good and there were no epidemics of infectious disease. The population was considerably above peace time standards and housing difficulties particularly overcrowding, had become an increasingly serious problem. The number of cases of scabies was greatly increased and treatment was for the most part being given in the evacuation sick bays.

The number of cases on the T.B. register began to rise significantly in 1941. For some years previously it had been in the region of 60 to 80 but in that year it increased to 98 and continued to rise even after the war was over till it reached a peak figure of 128 in 1948. After that it began to decline till in 1972 it was down to 36. It is interesting to note that in 1933, the first year for which I have a figure, there were 35 cases on the register. This problem is still very much with us and I note that the Chief Medical Officer of Health in a recent report made the following statement "The prevalence of Tuberculosis in the country as a whole has diminished dramatically since the introduction of effective chemotherapy. Nevertheless, it is still one of the commonest notifiable infections in Britain, exceeded only by Dysentery, Infective Jaundice, Measles and Whooping Cough. It now occurs most often in the elderly British male." It still causes many more deaths each year than does any other notifiable infectious disease.

In 1944 Quedley was still in operation, thanks to the excellent work of Miss Maynard and her Deputy Miss Good. 124 cases were admitted that year; of these 34 were Scabies and 26 Impetigo. In his report for 1944 Dr. Haine praised the work of the psychiatric social worker who had been appointed in 1940 to deal with the psychological problems among the evacuees, mainly in connection with billeting. By 1946 the number of patients admitted to Quedley was down to 49 and after that there is no further reference to it in Dr. Haine's reports.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support.

My tenure of office has not been as long as Dr. Haine's but I have found it rewarding and I am grateful to the members of the Council and to my colleagues for their invariable courtesy and help during my six years with Haslemere.

I have the honour to remain.

Your obedient Servant,

A.H.M. RICHARDS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

SUMMARY

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Area in acres	5,751	5,751
Estimated resident population in June (estimate supplied by the Registrar General)	13,510	13,440
Number of inhabited houses at 31st March, 1973 according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	4,673	4,551
Rateable Value as at 31st March, 1973	£857,044	£834,106
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	£7,930	£7,552
Number of births (legitimate and illegitimate)	151	174
Birth rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	11.2	12.9
Birth rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	13.1	15.1
Number of still births	Nil	2
Number of deaths	231	220
Death rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	17.1	16.4
Death rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	10.6	11.6
Number of deaths of infants (under the age of one year)	3	3
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	20.0	17.0
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child birth	Nil	Nil
Death rates per 1,000 of the population from:-		
Influenza	0.22	0.15
Pneumonia (all forms)	1.33	1.04
Bronchitis	0.58	0.30
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.07	0.00
Cancer	3.18	2.60
Heart Disease	5.55	5.88

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:		
Number		151
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)		11.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		9.0
Still Births:		
Number		Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		0.0
Total Live and Still Births		151
Infant Deaths (under one year)		3
Mortality Rates:		
Infant (deaths under one year per 1,000 live births):		
Total		20.0
Legitimate		22.0
Illegitimate		0.0
Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)		20.0
Early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)		13.0
Perinatal (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)		13.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths		Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		0.0

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the district and for England and Wales for 1971 and 1972.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	
	Birth-rate		Death-rate		1972	1971	1972	1971
	1972	1971	1972	1971				
Haslemere U.D.								
Crude	11.2	12.9	17.1	16.4	20.0	17.0	-	-
Comp.	13.1	15.1	10.6	11.6	-	-	-	-
England and Wales	14.8	16.0	12.1	11.6	17.0	18.0	0.15	0.17

CAUSES OF DEATH (OF ALL AGES) 1972

(Figures supplied by the Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	-	1
Meningococcal infection	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other malignant neoplasms	4	13	17
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Multiple Sclerosis	1	1	2
Other diseases of nervous system	3	-	3
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	30	34	64
Other forms of heart disease	3	6	9
Cerebrovascular disease	6	24	30
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	9	14
Influenza	2	1	3
Pneumonia	7	11	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	1	8
Asthma	-	1	1
Peptic ulcer	5	1	6
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	2	-	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	-	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	7	7
Congenital anomalies	-	1	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	-	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	4
All other accidents	-	1	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	-	2
Totals	99	132	231

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES
PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

Haslemere U.D. England and
(Corrected by the Wales
Registrar-General's
Comparability
Factor.)

Births

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Deaths

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory. The Laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out at the Guildford Laboratory on our behalf during the year were:-

Milk and allied samples	66
Water (main supply)	24
Water (swimming pool)	13

The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Gray's Inn Road, London, undertake chemical examination of samples of water. The number examined by them during 1972 was 4.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

An ambulance sub-station of the Surrey County Ambulance Service is situated in the Urban District at Grayswood Road, Haslemere. This sub-station has three ambulances, a sitting case vehicle and a handicapped persons vehicle available. All calls for ambulances are now made to the Control Station, Banstead (Tel. Burgh Heath 53491). Haslemere sub-station is connected to the Control Station by teleprinter and the ambulances are radio controlled.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

These services are administered by the Surrey County Council.

DISTRICT NURSES

There were two District Nurse/Midwives, one District Nurse and three part-time Auxiliaries working in the Haslemere Urban District Council area.

In addition the two District Nurses based on Churt and Thursley visited patients in the Haslemere area. All are attached to the practices of the local doctors.

The work done by these nurses during the year was as follows:-

Number of new patients	462
Number of visits	14,105
Number of deliveries at home	Nil
Number of early discharges from deliveries in hospital	43
Number of ante-natal visits	178
Number of patients seen in surgeries	896

This is the first time no home deliveries have been recorded in this area.

HEALTH VISITORS

Four Health Visitors, one part-time, serve this area. Three are based on Quedley Clinic and are officially attached to the General Practitioners and one is based on the Doctors' surgery at Hindhead.

HOME HELP SERVICES

The Senior Home Help Organiser is based at Artington House, Guildford. There is a call office in the Registrar's Waiting Room at Half Moon House, High Street, Haslemere from 2.30.p.m. to 4.p.m. on Tuesdays for any member of the public or staff seeking information on the Home Help Service.

During the past year 15 Home Helps and 10 Neighbourly Helps have worked in the Urban District area.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Child Health/General Medical

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - Child Health/General Medical
(Tel.Haslemere 2175) 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.

The Surgery, Well Lane, High Street, - Child Health/General Medical
Haslemere. 4th Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.

Child Health/Developmental
2nd Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.

Congregational Chapel Rooms, - Child Health/General Medical
Beacon Hill, Hindhead. 2nd and 4th Fridays 2-4 p.m.

Mothercraft, Speech Therapy, Eye and Dental

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - Mothercraft - Monday afternoons.
(Tel.Haslemere 2175) By appointment.
Speech Therapy - By appointment.
Eye - 2nd Wednesday afternoons.
Dental - By appointment.

Ante-Natal Clinic

St. Georges Wood (Haslemere Hospital), Grayswood Road, Haslemere. - By appointment.

Chest Clinics

- Haslemere Hospital, Haslemere. - Alternate Fridays 2-4 p.m.
- Tower House, 64, Epsom Road,
Guildford. - Mondays 1-4 p.m.
Wednesdays 1-4 p.m.
Thursday mornings - by appointment.
Fridays 9a.m. to 12 noon.
- Milford Chest Hospital, Milford. - Wednesdays 2.p.m. - 3.30.p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic

- Royal Surrey County Hospital,
Guildford. - Females
Mondays 3.p.m. - 4.30.p.m.
Fridays 3.p.m. - 4.30.p.m.
- Males
Mondays 5.p.m. - 6.30.p.m.
Fridays 5.p.m. - 6.30.p.m.

Family Planning Clinics

- Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings.
(By appointment - Tel. Haslemere 2175 during clinic) 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.
- St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
(By appointment - Tel. Guildford 76208) Monday and Wednesday evenings.
Youth Advisory Clinic
1st and 3rd Thursday evenings.
- Buryfields, Guildford. - Monday afternoons.
(Tel. Guildford 64635)

Cervical Cytology Clinics

- Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - Thursdays - By appointment.
(Tel. Haslemere 2175)
- Buryfields Clinic, Guildford. - Thursday mornings.
(Tel. Guildford 64635)
- Stoughton Clinic, Guildford. - 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings.
(Tel. Guildford 2581)

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the District are as follows:-

Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere. 84 beds of which 16 are maternity.

Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere. 108 beds. (A certain number contracted for by the Guildford Group Hospital Management Committee).

St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. 385 beds of which 54 are maternity.

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. 208 beds.

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham. 52 beds for female geriatric cases. 8 infectious disease beds.

Hydestile and King George V Hospital, Near Godalming. 64 geriatric beds, 20 pre-convalescent beds, 8 young chronic sick beds and 36 mentally handicapped beds. Also Day Hospital for 25 geriatric cases.

Milford Chest Hospital, Near Godalming. 243 beds.

MORTUARIES

The arrangements for reception of bodies at Milford Chest Hospital mortuary continues satisfactorily. 34 bodies were sent there during 1972.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. SECTION 50.

No burials were arranged under this section during 1972.

CARE OF THE AGED - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. SECTION 47.

No action was necessary under this section.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service for elderly people is run by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. The Headquarters of the Association are at Kingston and the telephone number is Kingston 6891.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1972, AGE INCIDENCE
(Other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	At all ages	At ages - years				
		1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+
Measles	1	-	1	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	1	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases on our Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1972 was 20 male and 16 female and the following table summarises the register as at 31st December for the last 12 years:-

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1961	29	22	-	1	52
1962	28	23	-	2	53
1963	29	23	-	2	54
1964	30	13	-	2	45
1965	30	13	-	3	46
1966	27	12	-	3	42
1967	26	13	-	4	43
1968	23	12	1	4	40
1969	21	12	1	5	39
1970	22	12	1	5	40
1971	19	12	1	4	36
1972	20	12	-	4	36

CANCER

The table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1971.

	5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75+		Totals		Grand Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1971	1972
Buccal Cavity etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	3	3
Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	4	-	6	34
Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	3	4
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	4	3
Lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	6	1	6	7
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	3
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	2
Others	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	1	7	4	4	13	10	17
1971	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	3	2	4	5	7	9	17	18	35	-
1972	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	4	6	8	9	10	18	24	-	-	42

Year	Deaths from Lung Cancer			Total Cancer		Deaths
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1961	11	3	14	20	21	41
1962	9	2	11	20	17	37
1963	7	1	8	23	9	32
1964	7	1	8	24	14	38
1965	6	1	7	20	19	39
1966	7	1	8	14	17	31
1967	3	3	6	22	27	49
1968	11	3	14	19	22	41
1969	10	3	13	25	29	54
1970	9	4	13	21	26	47
1971	5	1	6	17	18	35
1972	6	1	7	18	24	42

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Surrey County Council Infant Welfare Clinics at Hindhead and Haslemere continue to offer primary immunisation against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus - these may be arranged through the family doctor.

Smallpox vaccination is not now offered as a routine procedure but parents wishing to have their baby or child vaccinated may do so by request. Those travelling to countries or areas where Smallpox occurs should seek advice before travelling.

A reduction in the total number of cases of Measles can be maintained if parents take advantage of the Measles immunisation being offered to infants and young children.

Immunisation against German Measles offers a release from the fear of young pregnant women suffering this infection.

At 13 and upwards B.C.G. is offered to all school children both at state and private schools by arrangement with the County School Health Service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied partly by the West Surrey Water Board and partly by the Mid Southern Water Company.

The quality of the water supply is checked by us independently and frequently in accordance with the routine established during the years.

The natural fluoride content is approximately 0.1 p.p.m. from all sources. The ph value of the water is checked regularly throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

The Hindhead Scheme is now working satisfactorily but it is disappointing that the newly reconstructed works at Shottermill need still more money to be spent on them in order to bring the ammonia content of the effluent down to Thames Conservancy standards. The Grayswood Works have given no trouble. In April, 1974, the Shottermill Sewage Works will be taken over by the Regional Water Authority No. 6 and the Grayswood Disposal Works by the Regional Water Authority No. 7.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly rear collection of refuse is provided in all parts of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Farnham.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This service provides a free monthly emptying of cesspools in unsewered areas, and is administered by the Council's Surveyor.

SWIMMING POOLS

Sampling for bacterial purity and chlorine estimation was carried out at Haslemere swimming pool and visits were made to school swimming pools within the district.

SMOKE AND NOISE ABATEMENT

A small number of complaints were received, all of which were dealt with on an informal basis.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation by bed bugs came to our notice during 1972.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the Haslemere Urban District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Details of milk supplies are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Public Health Department acts as agents for the County Council for inspection and sampling of milk under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the Table below showing the number of samples analysed in respect of this District during the year.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
Almonds	-	1	1	-	-	-
Bread	1	-	1	1	-	1
Bread rolls	1	-	1	1	-	1
Butter	1	-	1	-	-	-
Buttermilk	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cake decorations	-	1	1	-	-	-
Chocolate drinking	1	-	1	-	-	-
Coffee	-	1	1	-	1	1
Cream	-	1	1	-	1	1
Fish fingers	1	-	1	1	-	1
Flour	1	-	1	-	-	-
Fruit conserve	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fruit, mixed	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fruit pectin	-	1	1	-	-	-
Marzipan	-	1	1	-	-	-
Milk	16	6	22	-	-	-
Milk, evaporated	1	-	1	-	-	-
Milk, skimmed	1	-	1	-	-	-
Milk, top of	1	-	1	-	-	-
range drink	3	-	3	1	-	1
Soup	-	2	2	-	-	-
Totals	28	17	45	4	2	6

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Details of work carried out under these Regulations are given in the appended report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in this District and no samples of liquid egg have been submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT, 1972.

Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out during 1972.

I wish to record my appreciation of the support given by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

My thanks also to the Officers of the Council and staff of the department for their willing co-operation at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. PRUE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The number of inspections of premises and visits made in respect of the various duties are as follows:-

Housing:			
Defects	...	...	49
Overcrowding	...	...	-
Improvement grants	...	...	22
Miscellaneous	...	...	86
Public Health:			
Drainage	...	...	71
Watercourses, ditches	...	...	23
Nuisances	...	...	45
Insects, pests etc	...	...	4
Infectious Diseases	...	...	14
Public conveniences	...	...	77
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	13
Swimming pools	...	...	56
Movable dwellings	...	...	4
Factories:			
With mechanical power	...	...	54
Without mechanical power	...	...	3
Workplaces	...	...	5
Outworkers	...	...	3
Water Supplies:	...	...	8
Food and Drugs Act:			
Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	260
Shops	...	...	23
Restaurants, cafes and canteens	...	...	60
Licensed premises	...	...	38
Bakehouses	...	...	20
Ice cream	...	...	6
Milk and dairies	...	...	12
Slaughterhouses and butchers shops	...	...	673
Food vehicles	...	...	7
Other visits - condemnations, etc.	...	...	71
Petroleum	...	...	190
Hackney Carriages	...	...	115
Pet Animals	...	...	4
Clean Air Act	...	...	19
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	3
Miscellaneous (visits, interviews, etc.)	...	...	315

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	89
Sampling:		
Water	...	52
Swimming pools	...	30
Milk	...	66
Number of dwelling houses at which nuisances or defects were discovered	...	26
Number of other premises at which nuisances or defects were discovered (excluding rats, mice and insect pests)		25
Number of nuisances under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	396
Number of other pest nuisances	...	317
Total number of Statutory Notices served	...	-
Total number of Statutory Notices complied with		-
Total number of Informal Notices served	...	51
Total number of Informal Notices complied with		48

HOUSING

Housing List

The number on the housing list at the end of the year was 220.

Rent Act, 1957.

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act.

Unfit Houses

The list of properties scheduled for demolition or closure has virtually been completed and, as can be seen from the following table, there are only a very small number remaining for attention.

Number of houses demolished	...	26
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted vacant		6
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted still occupied		1
Number of houses repaired and modernised	...	62
Number of houses remaining for attention	...	2
	Total	<u>97</u>

Overcrowding

No case of statutory overcrowding came to the attention of the department during the year.

New Dwellings

During 1972, 77 dwellings were built by the Council and 64 by private enterprise.

Improvement Grants

I am indebted to the Surveyor who has kindly supplied the following information in respect of improvement grants for the year 1972.

	<u>Discretionary grants</u>	<u>Standard grants</u>
Number of applications	20	12
Number approved	20	12

Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

Fourteen Qualification Certificates and 2 Certificates of Provisional Approval were issued during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

As in previous years inspection and sampling duties have been carried out by this Council on behalf of the Surrey County Council who are responsible for issuing the necessary licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

There were 2 dairy premises in the district, and in addition pre-packed milk was sold from 15 other establishments. Two milk retailers from outside the district sell milk within the district.

ICE CREAM

In this district ice cream is sold mainly in pre-packed form and there are no manufacturers. Most of the ice cream is supplied by firms with nation wide distribution.

MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, PRESERVED FOOD, ETC.

There are 10 premises registered under Section 16 of the Act in respect of the manufacture of sausages, preserved food, etc., and no adverse comment was called for during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are 3 bakehouses in the district and 20 visits of inspection were made.

GAME LICENCES

Six shopkeepers were licensed to deal in game, the fee for which is 37p.

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse which is under private management, and 6 licences were issued to slaughtermen.

A 100% inspection of animals slaughtered was maintained.

There are 11 butchers' shops in the district, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (Provision of sink)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Canteens	41	41	41	41
Cafes and Catering Estab.	22	22	22	22
Chemists	5	5	5	5
Clubs	11	11	11	11
Coffee and Tea	1	1	1	1
Confectioners (Flour)	8	8	8	8
Confectioners (Sugar)	14	14	13	13
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	13	13	13	13
Frozen Foods	1	1	1	1
Grocers and Provision Merchants	19	19	19	19
Hotels	18	18	18	18
Poulterers	11	11	11	11
Locker-freeze storage	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	26	26	26	26
Street Vendors	2	-	-	-

Inspections carried out under the Food Hygiene Regulations resulted in the following requirements:-

General improvements	...	4
Cleaning, redecorations and repair		20
Renewal and repair of flooring and steps		1
Repair and cleaning of W.C.	...	1
Protection of food	...	1
Renewal of working surfaces	...	1
Provision of wash hands notices		4
Provision of nail brushes, soap and towel		3
Removal of rubbish	...	5
Display of name and address	...	1
Provision of dustbins	...	4

No statutory action was necessary to enforce compliance with the regulations.

During the year 20 complaints were received in connection with food; 14 of these involving products produced from outside of this district. After thorough investigation each complaint was dealt with informally, warnings or advice being given as circumstances required.

No difficulties were experienced in the administration of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES

Article	Examination	Number of samples
MILK:		
Untreated	Methylene Blue Test and Brucellosis	5*
Ultra Heat Treated	Colony Count Test	7
Pasteurised	Methylene Blue Test and Phosphatase Test	47
Sterilised	Turbidity Test	7
WATER:		
Main supply	Bacteriological	24
Main supply	Chemical	4
Main supply	pH	24
Swimming Pool	Bacteriological	13
Total		131

* Two of these samples failed the Methylene Blue Test but passed the Brucellosis Test.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

West Surrey Water Board Supply:

Sampling point	Examination	Number of samples
Main tap	Bacteriological	12
Main tap	Chemical	4
Main tap	pH	12
Total		28

Mid Southern Water Company's Supply:

Sampling point	Examination	Number of samples
Main tap	Bacteriological	12
Main tap	pH	12
Total		24

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Ante and Post-Mortem Examination of Animals

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	404	19	43	1346	1336
Number inspected	404	19	43	1346	1336
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	47	-	-	13	48
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci	11.06	-	-	0.91	3.74
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.24
<u>Cysticerci</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat and offal condemned at the slaughterhouse during the year was:-

Due to Tuberculosis	...	215 lb.
" " Cysticerci	...	7 lb.
Other causes	...	<u>1041 lb.</u>
		<u>1263 lb.</u>

RETAIL SALE INSPECTION

The following foods were condemned at retail premises as unfit for human consumption:-

Perishable Goods

English and imported meat and offal	...	112 lb. 4 oz.
Frozen meat	...	401 lb. 13 oz.
Frozen fish	...	342 lb. 14 oz.
Frozen 'other foods'	...	868 lb. 12 oz.
" " "	...	7 gall. 5 pts.
Sweets	...	21 lb. 8 oz.
Butter	...	14 lb.
Milk	...	9 pts.

Canned Foods

Meat	...	3 lb. 7 oz.
Vegetables	...	202 lb. 3 oz.
Fruit	...	9 lb. 15 oz.
Fish	...	1 lb. 11 oz.
Other foods	...	4 lb. 8 oz.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following extract is from the Annual Report under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, for the year 1972.

	Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspection
TABLE A Registrations and General Inspections	Offices	1	52	11
	Retail shops	3	85	14
	Wholesale shops	-	3	-
	warehouses	-	-	-
	Catering establishments open to the public,	2	16	2
	canteens	-	1	-
	Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
	Total	6	157	27

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises:-

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	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
TABLE C Analysis by workplace of persons employed in registered premises at end of year	Offices	330
	Retail shops	497
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	18
	Catering establishments open to the public	97
	Canteens	1
	Fuel storage depots	2
	Total	945
	Total males	396
	Total remales	549

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 - INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	4	3	-	-
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	62	54	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	5	-	-
Totals	71	62	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	4	4	-	-	-

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134):

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August required by S.133(i) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending list to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.)	3	-	-	-	-	-

COMPLAINTS

792 complaints were received during the year. This number included 391 notifications in connection with rats and mice and these were dealt with under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Also included in this figure are complaints and enquiries concerning pests other than rats and mice as follows:-

Pigeons	9 (127 destroyed)
Flies	35
Squirrels	11 (51 destroyed - all in roofs)
Cockroaches	2
Ants	21
Silverfish	1
Wasps and wild bees	220
Fleas/mites	8
Other crawling insects	10

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No licences for caravans were issued this year by the Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two licences were issued under this Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

No applications for licences were received under this Act.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

34 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in respect of a total capacity of 110,406 gallons.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There were 17 licensed Hackney Carriages operating in the district and 36 drivers were licensed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 months ending 31st December, 1972.

	Type of property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	5345	23
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	388	3
Number infested by: Rats	298	3
Mice	83	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	456	4
Number infested by: Rats	6	4
Mice	2	-

No sewers were found to be infested by rats.

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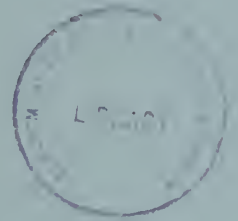
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Urban District Council of Haslemere



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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1971

TOGETHER WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
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HASLEMERE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HASLEMERE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1971 prepared in accordance with the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/72.

I am happy to report that once again the health of the district has remained good.

The estimated population of Haslemere was 13,440. This estimate was based on the preliminary results of the 1971 census and is therefore not strictly comparable to the figures given during the period 1961-70 which were based on the 1961 census.

In point of fact it is very close to the estimated figure for last year which was 13,490.

Births and Deaths

The birth rate of 15.1 per 1,000 is higher than last year but still below the national figure of 16.0.

The death rate of 11.6 per 1,000 is a shade higher than last year and coincides exactly with the rate for England and Wales as a whole.

Of the 220 deaths in Haslemere, 125 were due to diseases of the heart and arteries and 35 were due to malignant disease. Of these last, 6 were due to cancer of the lung, 7 fewer than last year.

Infectious Diseases

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease in Haslemere was minimal.

The year 1974 has already begun to cast it's shadow before it, and an increasing amount of time is being taken up by discussion and speculation concerning, among other things, the role of the Public Health Department in Local Government after reorganisation.

The future of the present members of your staff is by no means the least absorbing topic discussed.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement during the year.

My thanks also go to Dr. Fox-Russell, Mr. Prue and the other members of the Health Department for their loyal support at all times.

I have the honour to remain.

Your obedient Servant,

A.H.M.RICHARDS,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

SUMMARY

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Area in acres	5,751	5,751
Estimated resident population in June (estimate supplied by the Registrar General)	13,490	13,440
Number of inhabited houses at 31st March, 1972 according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	4,458	4,551
Rateable Value as at 31st March, 1972	£809,296	£834,106
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	£7,552	£7,930
Number of births (legitimate and illegitimate)	153	174
Birth rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	11.3	12.9
Birth rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	13.2	15.1
Number of still births	2	2
Number of deaths	215	220
Death rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	15.9	16.4
Death rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	11.3	11.6
Number of deaths of infants (under the age of one year)	Nil	3
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	0.0	17.0
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child birth	Nil	Nil
Death rates per 1,000 of the population from:-		
Influenza	0.22	0.15
Pneumonia (all forms)	0.88	1.04
Bronchitis	0.29	0.30
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.00	0.00
Cancer	3.48	2.60
Heart Disease	8.30	5.88

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:		
Number		174
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)		12.9
(comparable)		15.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births		9.0
Still Births:		
Number		2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		11.0
Total Live and Still Births		176
Infant Deaths (under one year)		3
Mortality Rates:		
Infant (deaths under one year per 1,000 live births):		
Total		17.0
Legitimate		19.0
Illegitimate		0.0
Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)		17.0
Early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)		17.0
Perinatal (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)		28.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths		Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births		0.0

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the district and for England and Wales for 1970 and 1971.

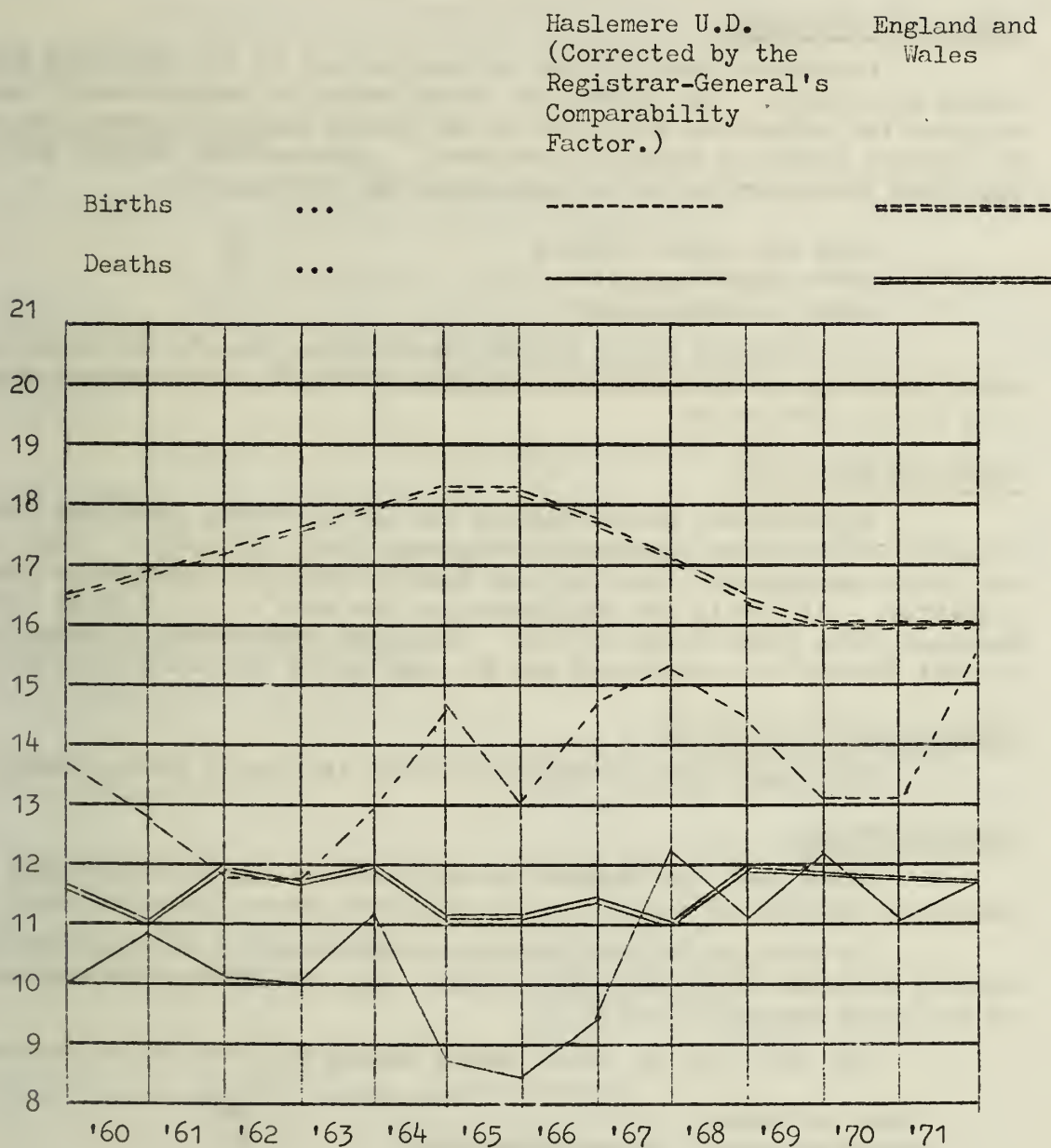
	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	
	Birth-rate		Death-rate					
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Haslemere U.D.								
Crude	11.3	12.9	15.9	16.4	-	17.0	-	-
Comp.	13.2	15.1	11.3	11.6	-	-	-	-
England and Wales.	16.0	16.0	11.7	11.6	18.0	18.0	0.18	0.17

CAUSES OF DEATH (OF ALL AGES) 1971

(Figures supplied by the Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	1	1
" " oesophagus	2	1	3
" " stomach	2	4	6
" " intestine	1	2	3
" " lung, bronchus	5	1	6
" " breast	-	4	4
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other malignant neoplasms	6	4	10
Diabetes mellitus	-	2	2
Anaemias	1	-	1
Mental disorders	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	30	33	63
Other forms of heart disease	3	11	14
Cerebrovascular disease	11	26	37
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	8	9
Influenza	-	2	2
Pneumonia	6	8	14
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	-	4
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3
Peptic ulcer	1	1	2
Other diseases of digestive system	-	2	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	5	6
Congenital anomalies	2	1	3
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	-	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2	3
All other accidents	1	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	-	2
All other external causes	-	1	1
Totals	89	131	220

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES
PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory. The Laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out at the Guildford Laboratory on our behalf during the year were:-

Milk and allied samples	60
Water (main supply)	21
Water (swimming pool)	9

The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Gray's Inn Road, London, undertake chemical examination of samples of water. The number examined by them during 1971 was 4.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

An ambulance sub-station of the Surrey County Ambulance Service is situated in the Urban District at Grayswood Road, Haslemere. This sub-station has three ambulances, a sitting case vehicle and a handicapped persons vehicle available. All calls for ambulances are now made to the Control Station, Banstead (Tel. Burgh Heath 53491). Haslemere sub-station is connected to the Control Station by teleprinter and the ambulances are radio controlled.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

These services are administered by the Surrey County Council.

DISTRICT NURSES

There were two District Nurse/Midwives, one District Nurse and four part-time Auxiliaries working in the Haslemere Urban District Council area.

In addition the two District Nurses based on Churt and Thursley visited patients in the Haslemere area. All are attached to the practices of the local doctors.

The work done by these nurses during the year was as follows:-

Number of cases	398
Number of visits (general/midwifery)	12,246
Number of deliveries at home	3
Number of early discharges from deliveries in hospital	37
Number of ante-natal visits	67
Number of cases seen at surgeries	676

Home deliveries are now minimal but visits to elderly patients continue to increase. This is the usual pattern in this part of the country.

HEALTH VISITORS

Four Health Visitors, one part-time, serve this area. They are based on Quedley Clinic and are officially attached to the General Practitioners.

HOME HELP SERVICES

In September 1971 the administration of the Home Help Service was taken over by the Social Services Department.

The Senior Home Help Organiser is based at Artington House, Guildford. There is a call office in the Registrar's Waiting Room at Half Moon House, High Street, Haslemere from 2.30.p.m. to 4.p.m. on Tuesdays for any member of the public or staff seeking information on the Home Help Service.

During the past year 11 Home Helps and 6 Neighbourly Helps have worked in the Urban District area.

The number of patients seeking help is on average about 50-60 per week and at the present time all are given assistance.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Child Health/General Medical

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere.- Child Health/General Medical
(Tel. Haslemere 2175) 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.

The Surgery, Well Lane, High St., - Child Health/General Medical
Haslemere. 4th Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.

Congregational Chapel Rooms, - Child Health
Beacon Hill, Hindhead. Every Friday 2-4 p.m.
General Medical
2nd and 4th Fridays 2-4 p.m.

Mothercraft, Speech Therapy, Eye and Dental

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere.- Mothercraft - Monday afternoons.
(Tel. Haslemere 2175) By appointment.
Speech Therapy - Wednesdays all day.
Eye - 2nd Monday mornings.
Dental - By appointment.

Ante-Natal Clinic

St. Georges Wood (Haslemere Hospital) - By appointment.
Grayswood, Haslemere.

Chest Clinics

Haslemere Hospital, Haslemere. - Alternate Fridays 2-4 p.m.

Tower House, 64, Epsom Road,
Guildford. - Mondays 1-4 p.m.
Wednesdays 1-4 p.m.
Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Fridays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Milford Chest Hospital, Milford. - Wednesdays 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic

Royal Surrey County Hospital,
Guildford. - Females
Mondays 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.
Fridays 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.

Males
Mondays 5.00 - 6.30 p.m.
Fridays 5.00 - 6.30 p.m.

Family Planning Clinics

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings.
(By appointment - Tel. Haslemere 2175 during clinic) 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.

St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
(By appointment. - Tel. Guildford 76208) Monday and Wednesday evenings.
Youth Advisory Clinic
1st and 3rd Thursday evenings.

Buryfields, Guildford. - Thursday afternoons and 2nd & 4th
(Tel. Guildford 64635) Monday afternoons.

Cervical Cytology Clinics

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday mornings.
(Tel. Haslemere 2175)

Buryfields Clinic, Guildford. - Thursday mornings.
(Tel. Guildford 64635)

Stoughton Clinic, Guildford. - 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings.
(Tel. Guildford 2581)

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the District are as follows:-

Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere. 84 beds of which 16 are maternity.

Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere. 98 beds. (A certain number contracted for by the Guildford Group Hospital Management Committee).

St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. 376 beds of which 54 are maternity.

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. 208 beds.

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham. 52 beds for female geriatric cases. 8 infectious disease beds.

Hydestile and King George V Hospital, Near Godalming. 120 beds, of which 64 are for geriatric cases, also Day Hospital for 25 geriatric cases.

Milford Chest Hospital, Near Godalming. 243 beds.

MORTUARIES

The arrangements for reception of bodies at Milford Chest Hospital mortuary continues satisfactorily. 21 bodies were sent there during 1971.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. SECTION 50.

No burials were arranged under this section during 1971.

CARE OF THE AGED - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47.

No action was necessary under this section.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service for elderly people is run by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. The Headquarters of the Association are at Kingston and the telephone number is Kingston 6891.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1971, AGE INCIDENCE
(Other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	At all ages	At ages - years				
		1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+
Measles	6	1	4	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	2	-	-	-
Totals	8	1	6	-	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases on our Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1971 was 20 male and 16 female and the following table summarises the register as at 31st December for the last 12 years:-

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1960	27	24	2	1	54
1961	29	22	-	1	52
1962	28	23	-	2	53
1963	29	23	-	2	54
1964	30	13	-	2	45
1965	30	13	-	3	46
1966	27	12	-	3	42
1967	26	13	-	4	43
1968	23	12	1	4	40
1969	21	12	1	5	39
1970	22	12	1	5	40
1971	19	12	1	4	36

CANCER

The table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1970.

	5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75+		Totals		Grand Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1971	1970
Buccal Cavity etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	-
Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	4	6	6	4
Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	3	3	3
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	4	5
Lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	5	1	6	6	13
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	10	10	17
1971	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	3	2	4	5	7	9	17	18	35	-
1970	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	3	2	8	5	9	13	21	26	-	47

Year	Deaths from Lung Cancer			Total Cancer Deaths		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1960	5	2	7	20	19	39
1961	11	3	14	20	21	41
1962	9	2	11	20	17	37
1963	7	1	8	23	9	32
1964	7	1	8	24	14	38
1965	6	1	7	20	19	39
1966	7	1	8	14	17	31
1967	3	3	6	22	27	49
1968	11	3	14	19	22	41
1969	10	3	13	25	29	54
1970	9	4	13	21	26	47
1971	5	1	6	17	18	35

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary immunisation against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus are offered at the Surrey County Council Infant Welfare Clinics at Hindhead and Haslemere or may be arranged through family doctors.

The World Health Organisation's Scheme for the eradication of Smallpox throughout the world has considerably reduced the risk of contracting Smallpox in the United Kingdom. It is, therefore, not now recommended that all infants should be vaccinated against Smallpox as a routine procedure. Those travelling to countries in which Smallpox is an endemic disease should seek advice concerning vaccination before travelling.

An increasing number of parents are taking advantage of the Measles immunisation being offered to infants and young children thus reducing the incidence of the disease in those most commonly affected, i.e., the new school entrant.

It is hoped also to reduce the incidence of German Measles in pregnant mothers by carrying out an immunisation programme which currently includes teenage girls and young women teachers.

B.C.G. continues to be offered by the County School Health Service to all school children of 13 and upwards, including those at private schools and colleges.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied partly by the West Surrey Water Board and partly by the Mid Southern Water Company.

The quality of the water supply is checked by us independently and frequently in accordance with the routine established during the years.

The natural fluoride content is approximately 0.1 p.p.m. from all sources.

The pH value of the water is checked regularly throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

The two sewage disposal works in the Urban District continued to operate satisfactorily.

Reconstruction work at Shottermill Sewage Works was completed and opened by the Chairman of the Council on the 14th October, 1971.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly rear collection of refuse is provided in all parts of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Farnham.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This service provides a free monthly emptying of cesspools in unsewered areas, and is administered by the Council's Surveyor.

SWIMMING POOLS

Sampling for bacterial purity and chlorine estimation was carried out at the new Haslemere swimming pool and at school swimming pools within the district.

SMOKE AND NOISE ABATEMENT

A small number of complaints were received, all of which were dealt with on an informal basis.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation by bed bugs came to our notice during 1971.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the Haslemere Urban District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Details of milk supplies are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Public Health Department acts as agents for the County Council for inspections and sampling milk under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the Table below showing the number of samples analysed in respect of this District during the year.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
Bamboo shoots	-	1	1	-	-	-
Beer ingredients	1	-	1	1	-	1
Biscuits	-	1	1	-	-	-
Butter	1	1	2	-	1	1
Butter milk	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cheese	1	-	1	-	-	-
Chocolate malt drink	-	1	1	-	-	-
Chocolate parfait	1	-	1	-	-	-
Coffee	-	1	1	-	-	-
Confectionery, sugar	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cooking oil	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cranberry sauce	-	1	1	-	-	-
Cream	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fruit peotin	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fruit tinned	-	2	2	-	-	-
Honey	-	1	1	-	-	-
Jam	1	-	1	-	-	-
Jelly	-	3	3	-	-	-
Lemon curd	-	1	1	-	-	-
Margarine	1	-	1	-	-	-
Milk	4	-	4	-	-	-
Mincemeat	-	1	1	-	-	-
Peanut butter	-	1	1	-	-	-
Rice pudding	-	1	1	-	-	-
Sausages	1	1	2	-	-	-
Soft drinks	1	1	2	-	-	-
Vinegar	-	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	13	23	36	1	1	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Details of work carried out under these Regulations are given in the appended report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in this District and no samples of liquid egg have been submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT, 1971.

Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out during 1971.

New housing showed a marked increase during the year; 124 units being built by private enterprise, 22 by Housing Associations and 33 by the Council as replacements for the Woolmer Hill prefabricated bungalows. The number of improvement grants also showed an increase and there now remain about 260 properties lacking one or more of the standard amenities. These are not concentrated in any particular area but are scattered individually in various parts of the district. More owners took advantage of the provisions of the 1969 Housing Act and 16 Qualification Certificates and 6 Certificates of Provisional Approval were issued.

During the course of the year 4 complaints of unsound food were brought to the attention of the department; 3 of these were in respect of shop purchases and 1 concerned a restaurant meal. After thorough investigation no further action was considered necessary.

The local slaughterhouse closed for two weeks so that a number of improvements and repairs could be carried out. Throughput showed some reduction.

In addition to routine sampling of milk and water regular samples were taken from the new Haslemere Swimming Pool.

Despite effective action over the years rat and mice infestations continued at about the same level. Over the summer months a particularly heavy demand was made by the public for assistance in dealing with wasps' nests, many of the nests being in very difficult and almost inaccessible positions.

Once again I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support.

My thanks also to the Officers of the Council and the staff of the department for their willing assistance at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. PRUE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The number of inspections of premises and visits made in respect of the various duties are as follows:-

Housing:			
Defects	...	...	86
Overcrowding	...	...	-
Improvement grants	...	...	15
Miscellaneous	...	...	42
Public Health:			
Drainage	...	...	78
Watercourses, ditches	...	...	13
Nuisances	...	...	49
Insects, pests etc....	...	...	6
Infectious diseases	...	...	4
Public conveniences	...	...	65
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	12
Swimming pools	...	...	77
Movable dwellings	...	...	10
Factories:			
With mechanical power	...	...	58
Without mechanical power	...	...	4
Workplaces	...	...	4
Outworkers	...	...	2
Water Supplies:	...	...	2
Food and Drugs Act:			
Food Hygiene Regulations	...	...	377
Shops	...	...	40
Restaurants, cafes and canteens	...	...	56
Licensed premises	...	...	31
Bakehouses	...	...	13
Ice cream	...	...	13
Milk and dairies	...	...	14
Slaughterhouses and butchers shops...	...	...	731
Food vehicles	...	...	4
Other visits - condemnations, etc.	...	...	35
Petroleum	...	...	237
Hackney Carriages	...	...	112
Pet Animals Act	...	...	14
Clean Air Act	...	...	18
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	1
Miscellaneous (visits, interviews, etc.)	...	...	300

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	103
Sampling:		
Water	... ..	63
Swimming pools	... ..	27
Milk	... ..	47
Number of dwelling houses at which nuisances or defects were discovered	...	18
Number of other premises at which nuisances or defects were discovered (excluding rats, mice and insect pests)		28
Number of nuisances under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	... ..	361
Number of other pest nuisances	...	670
Total number of Statutory Notices served	...	-
Total number of Statutory Notices complied with		-
Total number of Informal Notices served	...	46
Total number of Informal Notices complied with	...	41

HOUSING

Housing List

The number on the housing list at the end of the year was 202.

Rent Act, 1957

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act.

Unfit Houses

During the year the Council were unable to rehouse any families from the remaining unfit properties on the list for demolition or closure.

The following table shows the position at the end of 1971.

Number of houses demolished	...	26
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted vacant		6
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted still occupied		1
Number of houses repaired and modernised	...	62
Number of houses remaining for attention	...	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>97</u>

Overcrowding

No case of statutory overcrowding came to the attention of the department during the year.

New Dwellings

During 1971, 33 dwellings were built by the Council, 124 by private enterprise and 22 by Housing Associations.

Improvement Grants

I am indebted to the Surveyor who has kindly supplied the following information in respect of improvement grants for the year 1971.

	<u>Discretionary grants</u>	<u>Standard grants</u>
Number of applications	8	15
Number approved	8	15

Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

Sixteen Qualification Certificates and 6 Certificates of Provisional Approval were issued during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

As in previous years inspection and sampling duties have been carried out by this Council on behalf of the Surrey County Council who are responsible for issuing the necessary licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

There were 2 dairy premises in the district, and in addition pre-packed milk was sold from 14 other establishments. Two milk retailers from outside the district sell milk within the district.

ICE CREAM

In this district ice cream is sold mainly in pre-packed form and there are no manufacturers. Most of the ice cream is supplied by firms with nation wide distribution.

MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, PRESERVED FOOD, ETC.

There are 10 premises registered under Section 16 of the Act in respect of the manufacture of sausages, preserved food, etc., and no adverse comment was called for during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are 3 bakehouses in the district and 13 visits of inspection were made.

GAME LICENCES

Seven shopkeepers were licensed to deal in game, the fee for which is 37p.

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse which is under private management, and 5 licences were issued to slaughtermen.

A 100% inspection of animals slaughtered was maintained.

There are 10 butchers' shops in the district, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (Provision of sink)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Butchers	10	10	10	10
Canteens	41	41	41	41
Cafes and Catering Estab.	20	20	20	20
Chemists	6	6	6	6
Clubs	11	11	11	11
Coffee and Tea	1	1	1	1
Confectioners (Flour)	7	7	7	7
Confectioners (Sugar)	13	13	12	12
Delicatessen	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	12	12	12	12
Grocers and Provision Merchants	19	19	19	19
Hotels	18	18	18	18
Poulterers	11	11	11	11
Locker-freeze storage	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	27	27	27	27
Market Stall (W.I.)	1	1	1	1
Street Vendors	2	-	-	-

Inspections carried out under the Food Hygiene Regulations resulted in the following requirements:-

General improvements	...	2
Cleaning and redecorations	...	5
Renewal and repair of flooring and steps		3
Repair and cleaning of W.C.	...	1
Protection of food	...	1
Renewal of working surfaces	...	1
Provision of intervening ventilated lobby		1
Provision of wash hands notices	...	3
Provision of nail brushes, soap and towel		2
Renewal of sink	...	1
Remedy defective drainage	...	3
Provision of dustbins	...	3

No statutory action was necessary to enforce compliance with the regulations.

During the year 4 complaints were received in connection with food. After thorough investigation each complaint was dealt with informally, warnings or advice being given as circumstances required.

No difficulties were experienced in the administration of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES

Article	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
MILK:				
Untreated	4	Methylene Blue Test and Brucellosis	1	3*
Ultra Heat Treated	6	Colony Count Test	6	-
Pasteurised	43	Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests	43	-
Sterilised	7	Turbidity Test	7	-
WATER:				
Main Supply	21	Bacteriological	21	-
Main Supply	4	Chemical	4	-
Main Supply	24	pH	23	1
Swimming Pool	9	Bacteriological	9	-
Totals	118		114	4

*These samples failed the Methylene Blue test but passed the Brucellosis test.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

West Surrey Water Board Supply:

Sampling point	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
Main tap	12	Bacteriological	12	-
Main tap	4	Chemical	4	-
Main tap	12	pH	11	1
Totals	28		27	1

Mid Southern Water Company's Supply:

Sampling point	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
Main tap	9	Bacteriological	9	-
Main tap	12	pH	12	-
Totals	21		21	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Ante and Post-Mortem Examination of Animals

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	529	8	72	1602	1374
Number inspected	529	8	72	1602	1374
<u>All diseases except Tubercu- losis and Cysticerçi:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	49	-	1	15	50
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuber- culosis and cysticerçi.	9.26	-	1.4	0.93	3.64
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	37
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.68
<u>Cysticerçi</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat and offal condemned at the slaughterhouse during the year was:-

Due to Tuberculosis	...	242 lb.
" " Cysticerçi	...	20 lb.
Other causes	...	<u>1099 lb.</u>
		<u>1361 lb.</u>

RETAIL SALE INSPECTION

The following foods were condemned at retail premises as unfit for human consumption:-

Perishable Goods

English and imported meat and offal	...	1165 lb.	8 ozs.
Frozen meat	...	2 lb.	12 ozs.
Frozen fish	...	13 lb.	5 ozs.
Frozen 'other foods'	...	177 lb.	
Flour	...	90 lb.	
Sweets	...	6 lb.	

Canned Goods

Meat	...	6 lb.	
Vegetables	...	103 lb.	8 ozs.
Fruit	...	31 lb.	7 ozs.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following extract is from the Annual Report under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, for the year 1971.

	Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspection during the year.
TABLE A Registrations and General Inspections	Offices	2	51	19
	Retail shops	3	83	36
	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	3	1
	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	14	4
	Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
	Total	5	152	60

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises:-

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	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
TABLE C Analysis by workplace of persons employed in registered premises at end of year	Offices	334
	Retail shops	469
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	18
	Catering establishments open to the public	90
	Canteens	1
	Fuel storage depots	2
	Total	914
	Total males	390
	Total females	524

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 - INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	4	4	-	-
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	75	58	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	4	-	-
Totals	82	66	1	-

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	5	5	-	-	-

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134):

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August required by S.133(i)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending list to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.)	2	-	-	-	-	-

COMPLAINTS

1079 complaints were received during the year. This number included 360 notifications in connection with rats and mice and these were dealt with under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Also included in this figure are complaints and enquiries concerning pests other than rats and mice as follows:-

Pigeons	8 (101 destroyed)
Flies	29
Squirrels	18 (All in roofs)
Cockroaches	2
Ants	11
Silverfish	1
Wasps and wild bees	584
Fleas/mites	4
Maggots	1
Bats	1
Crickets	3
Carpet and fur beetle	2
Woodworm	1
Other pests	5

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

No licences for caravans were issued this year by the Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two applications for licences were received and granted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

No applications for licences were received under this Act.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

35 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in respect of a total capacity of 116,356 gallons.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There were 17 licensed Hackney Carriages operating in the district and 31 drivers were licensed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 months ending 31st December, 1971.

	Type of property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	5227	23
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	356	4
Number infested by: Rats	288	4
Mice	64	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	429	8
Number infested by: Rats	-	-
Mice	5	-

No sewers were found to be infested by rats.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1970

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Haslemere Urban District Council

With Compliments

*The Medical Officer of Health,
Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere.*

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1970 prepared in accordance with the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/71.

I am happy to report that once again the health of the district has remained good.

For the first time since 1954 the upward trend of the population of Haslemere was checked by more than an insignificant amount. The estimated population now stands at 13,490 as compared with 13,560 last year.

Births and Deaths

The birth rate of 13.2 per 1,000 of the estimated population remains the same as last year and is well below the national figure of 16.00.

The death rate of 11.30 per 1,000 of the estimated population remains close to the national figure of 11.7. Out of the 215 deaths in Haslemere, 122 were due to diseases of the heart and arteries and 47 were due to malignant disease. Out of these last, 13 were due to cancer of the lung, exactly the same number as last year.

Infectious Diseases

The incidence of infectious disease in Haslemere remains low.

The two year cycle in the incidence of Measles has begun to be affected by vaccination against this disease. Since 1963 our figures here run as follows:-

1963	-	156
1964	-	11
1965	-	193
1966	-	16
1967	-	268
1968	-	21
1969	-	19
1970	-	12

Vaccination against Measles was started in 1968 and it is reasonable to conclude that it was effective in preventing the expected rise in 1969.

However, owing to a shortage of vaccine in 1969 the number of cases of Measles in this country as a whole went up in 1970 to a figure higher than in any year since 1967. This rise did not happen in Haslemere.

Since 1967 we have had three cases, one a year, of Typhoid or Paratyphoid Fever in residents who had gone abroad for their holiday.

This year we had no cases. I would like to think that this was due to the fact that many people have become aware that these diseases are endemic in all the countries bordering the Mediterranean and have consequently taken the precaution of getting themselves inoculated with T.A.B. in good time. However, I think that on balance, the result is due to pure chance.

The spread of Cholera to the Eastern Mediterranean has added yet one more disease against which travellers should seek protection in good time. With effect from 18th September, 1970 travellers returning from infected areas were required to produce valid certificates of vaccination against this disease on arrival in the United Kingdom.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement during the year.

My thanks also go to Dr. Fox-Russell, Mr. Prue and the other members of the Health Department for their loyal support at all times.

I have the honour to remain.

Your obedient Servant,

A.H.M.RICHARDS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

SUMMARY

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Area in acres	5,751	5,751
Estimated resident population in June (estimate supplied by the Registrar General)	13,490	13,560
Number of inhabited houses at 31st March, 1971 according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	4,458	4,410
Rateable Value as at 31st March, 1971	£809,296	£783,586
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	£7,552	£3,085
Number of births (legitimate and illegitimate)	153	153
Birth rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	11.3	11.3
Birth rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	13.2	13.2
Number of still births	2	5
Number of deaths	215	238
Death rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	15.9	17.6
Death rate (after correction by the Registrar General's comparability factor)	11.3	12.3
Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths	-62	-85
Number of deaths of infants (under the age of one year)	Nil	Nil
Infant mortality per 1,000 live births	0.0	0.0
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth	Nil	Nil
Deaths rates per 1,000 of the population from:-		
Influenza	0.22	0.37
Pneumonia (all forms)	0.88	1.33
Bronchitis	0.29	0.29
The seven principal zymotic diseases:		
Smallpox; Whooping Cough; Measles; Gastritis; Enteritis and Diarrhoea; Diphtheria; Scarlet Fever and 'Fever' (Typhoid, Enteric and Typhus)	0.00	0.00
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.00	0.07
Cancer	3.48	2.73
Heart Disease	8.30	5.53

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Number	153
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)	11.3
(comparable)	13.2

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births 7

Still Births:

Number	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	13.0

Total Live and Still Births 155

Infant Deaths (under one year) Nil

Mortality Rates:

Infant (deaths under one year per 1,000 live births):

Total	0.00
Legitimate	0.00
Illegitimate	0.00

Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 0.00

Early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 0.00

Perinatal (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births 13.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0.00

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the district, and for England and Wales for 1969 and 1970.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	
	Birth-rate		Death-rate					
	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969
Haslemere U.D.								
Crude	11.3	11.3	15.9	17.6	-	-	-	-
Comp.	13.2	13.2	11.3	12.3	-	-	-	-
England and Wales	16.0	16.3	11.7	11.9	18.0	18.0	0.18	0.19

CAUSES OF DEATH (OF ALL AGES) 1970.

(Figures supplied by the Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	4	13
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	-	2	2
Other malignant neoplasms	7	10	17
Diabetes mellitus	2	-	2
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	1
Mental disorders	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system etc.	1	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	1	2	3
Hypertensive disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	36	28	64
Other forms of heart disease	4	7	11
Cerebrovascular disease	11	21	32
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	8	10
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	6	6	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	-	4
Peptic ulcer	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	2	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	2	4	6
Congenital anomalies	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	1	3	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
Totals	99	116	215

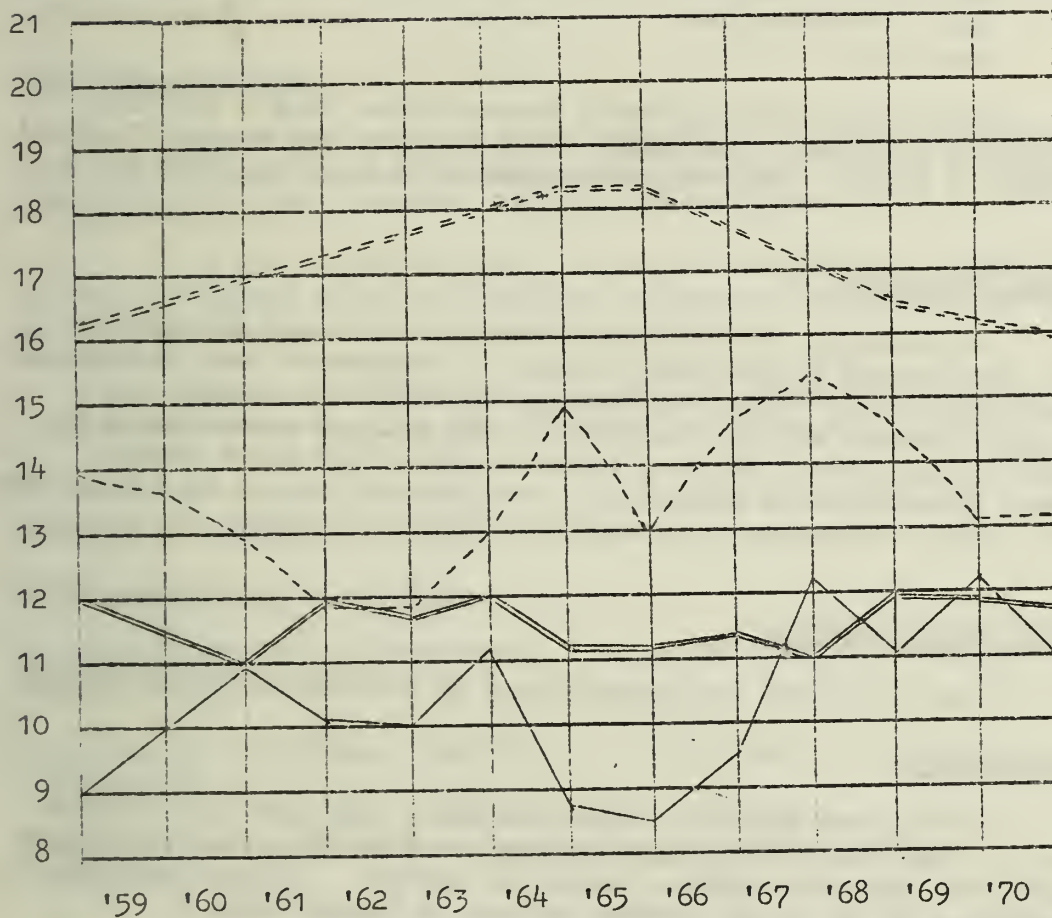
GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES
PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

Haslemere U.D.
(Corrected by the
Registrar-General's
Comparability
Factor.)

England and
Wales

Births ...

Deaths ...



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory. The Laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out at the Guildford Laboratory during the year were:-

Milk and allied samples	59
Water (main supply)	13
Water (swimming pool)	3
Specimens of faeces	6

The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1. undertake examination (both chemical and bacteriological) of samples of water. The number examined by them during 1970 was 8.

Ambulance Facilities

An ambulance sub-station of the Surrey County Ambulance Service is situated in the Urban District at Grayswood Road, Haslemere. This sub-station has three ambulances, a sitting case vehicle and a handicapped persons vehicle available. All calls for ambulances are now made to the Control Station, Banstead (Tel. Burgh Heath 53491). Haslemere sub-station is connected to the Control Station by teleprinter and the ambulances are radio controlled.

Personal Health Services

These services are administered by the Surrey County Council.

District Nurses

Of the two District Nurses and three part time Auxiliaries working in the area, two resigned in May and June for domestic reasons but were both replaced within a matter of months. All are attached to the practices of the local doctors and are no longer based on circumscribed areas. The two District Nurses who live in Churt and Thursley also visit within the Urban District and are attached to the group practice at Hindhead.

The work done by these nurses during the year was as follows:-

Number of cases	445
Number of visits (General/midwifery)	12,088
Number of deliveries at home	2
Number of early discharges from deliveries in hospital	28
Number of ante-natal visits	75
Number of cases seen at surgeries	334

Home deliveries are now minimal but visits to elderly patients continue to increase. This is the usual pattern in this part of the country.

Health Visitors

Three Health Visitors, one part-time, serve this area. They are based on Quedley Clinic and are officially attached to the General Practitioners.

Home Help Services

The Divisional Home Help Supervisor is based at Guildford but she has a detailed knowledge of the families in need of help throughout the South Western Division of the County.

At the end of the year, the Home Help Service was incorporated in the new Social Service Department and Haslemere district is now administered by the Farnham area.

There were 9 Home Helps resident in Haslemere and 7 neighbourly helps supplemented the service at the end of 1970.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Child Health/General Medical

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.
(Tel. Haslemere 2175)

The Surgery, Well Lane, High St., - 4th Tuesdays. 2-4 p.m.
Haslemere.

Congregational Church Rooms, Beacon - Every Friday 2-4 p.m.
Hill, Hindhead.

Speech Therapy, Eye, Dental and Cytology

Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - By appointment only. Tel. Haslemere 2175.

Ante-Natal Clinic

St. Georges Wood, (Haslemere Hospital) - By appointment only.
Grayswood Road, Haslemere.

Chest Clinics

- Haslemere Hospital, Haslemere. - Alternate Fridays 2-4 p.m.
- Tower House, 64, Epsom Road,
Guildford. - Mondays 1-4 p.m.
Wednesdays 1-4 p.m.
Thursdays 9.30.a.m. - 12 noon.
Fridays 9.a.m. to 12 noon.
- Milford Chest Hospital, Milford. - Wednesdays 1.45.- 3.30.p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic

- Royal Surrey County Hospital,
Guildford. - Females
Mondays 3.30.- 4.30.p.m.
Fridays 3.30.- 4.30.p.m.
- Males
Mondays 5 - 7 p.m.
Fridays 5 - 7 p.m.

Family Planning Clinics

- Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday evenings.
(By appointment - Tel. Haslemere 2175 during clinic) 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons.
- St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. - Monday evenings and Tuesday,
(By appointment Tel. Guildford 76208) Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- Buryfields, Guildford. - Thursday afternoons and 2nd & 4th
(By appointment Tel. Guildford 64635) Monday afternoons.

Cervical Cytology Clinics

- Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere. - Attendance by appointment.
(Tel. Haslemere 2175)
- Buryfields Clinic, Guildford. - Thursday mornings.
- Stoughton Clinic, Guildford. - Wednesday mornings.

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the Haslemere Urban District are:-

General

- Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere. 68 beds. 16 maternity beds.
- Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere. 112 beds. (A certain number contracted for by the Guildford Group Hospital Management Committee).

Infections Disease

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham. 8 cubicles.

Chest Diseases

Milford Chest Hospital, Near Godalming. 243 beds.

MORTUARIES

The arrangements for reception of bodies at Milford Chest Hospital mortuary continues satisfactorily. 36 bodies were sent there during 1970.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 50.

No burials were arranged under this section during 1970.

CARE OF THE AGED - NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47.

No action was necessary under this section.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service for elderly people is run by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. The Headquarters of the Association are at Kingston and the telephone number is Kingston 6891.

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1970, AGE INCIDENCE (Other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease	At all ages	At ages - years				
		1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+
Infective Jaundice	4	-	-	1	2	1
Measles	12	6	3	1	-	2
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	1	1
Salmonella Typhimurium	5	-	-	-	1	4
Whooping Cough	5	1	2	-	-	2
Totals	28	7	5	2	4	10

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases on our Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1970 was 23 male and 17 female and the following table summarises the register as at 31st December for the last twelve years:-

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1959	23	23	4	3	53
1960	27	24	2	1	54
1961	29	22	-	1	52
1962	28	23	-	2	53
1963	29	23	-	2	54
1964	30	13	-	2	45
1965	30	13	-	3	46
1966	27	12	-	3	42
1967	26	13	-	4	43
1968	23	12	1	4	40
1969	21	12	1	5	39
1970	22	12	1	5	40

CANCER

The table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1969.

	5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75+		Totals		Grand Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1969	1970
Buccal Cavity etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	4	4	4
Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	6	6	3
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-	5	5	5
Lung, bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	2	-	-	2	4	9	13	13	13
Uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1
Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	5	2
Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	3	2
Others	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	4	-	3	10	7	14	14	17
1969	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	6	2	7	3	7	6	8	12	29	25	54	-	-
1970	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	3	2	8	5	9	13	28	21	-	-	47

Year	Deaths from Lung Cancer			Total Cancer Deaths		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1959	6	-	6	13	16	29
1960	5	2	7	20	19	39
1961	11	3	14	20	21	41
1962	9	2	11	20	17	37
1963	7	1	8	23	9	32
1964	7	1	8	24	14	38
1965	6	1	7	20	19	39
1966	7	1	8	14	17	31
1967	3	3	6	22	27	49
1968	11	3	14	19	22	41
1969	10	3	13	25	29	54
1970	9	4	13	21	26	47

B.C.G. VACCINATION

This is available through the County School Health Services to school children of 13 and upwards and also to students at universities, colleges, etc. There are three private schools and Woolmer Hill County Secondary School concerned.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Protection against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, whooping cough, measles and smallpox is given to infants and school children at Haslemere and Hindhead Clinics under the aegis of the County Council and by General Practitioners in their surgeries.

Protection is also given against tuberculosis from the age of 13 upwards.

Records of all immunisations and vaccinations are held in bulk at County Divisional Offices and are no longer broken down to District Council level.

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS

There were no cases in the district.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

The District is supplied partly by the West Surrey Water Board and partly by the Mid Southern Water Company.

The quality of the water supply is checked by us independently and frequently in accordance with the routine established during the years.

The natural fluoride content is approximately 0.1 p.p.m. from all sources.

The pH value of the water is checked regularly throughout the year.

Drainage and Sewage

The two sewage disposal works in the Urban District continued to operate satisfactorily.

Reconstruction work at Shottermill Sewage Works is nearing completion and will be fully operational from April, 1971.

Refuse Collection

A weekly rear collection of refuse is provided in all parts of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Cesspool Emptying

This service provides a free monthly emptying of cesspools in unsewered areas, and is administered by the Council's Surveyor.

Swimming Pools

Sampling for bacterial purity and chlorine estimation was carried out at school swimming pools within the district.

Smoke and Noise Abatement

A small number of complaints were received, all of which were satisfactorily dealt with on an informal basis.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No cases of infestation by bed bugs came to our notice during 1970.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no such premises in the Haslemere Urban District.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Details of milk supplies are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Public Health Department acts as agents for the County Council for inspections and sampling milk under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the Table below showing the number of samples analysed in respect of this District during the year.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or irregular		
	Formal	In-formal	Total	Formal	In-formal	Total
Beer, ingredients for making.	-	1	1	-	1	1
Chutney	-	1	1	-	-	-
Confectionery, sugar	-	2	2	-	-	-
Flour	1	-	1	1	-	1
Meat, cooked and prepared	-	1	1	-	-	-
Milk	11	2	13	-	1	1
Sausages	1	-	1	1	-	1
Totals	13	7	20	2	2	4

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Details of work carried out under these Regulations are given in the appended Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in this District and no samples of liquid egg have been submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S
ANNUAL REPORT, 1970.

Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out during 1970.

Three Statutory Notices were issued under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 and various items of repair have been carried out at another 23 houses as a result of informal action. By the end of the year three Qualification Certificates had been issued under the Housing Act, 1969. One tenant of a privately rented house made representations under Section 19 of the Housing Act, 1964, regarding the absence of standard amenities. After service of the initial notice the owners gave an undertaking to provide those amenities that were lacking.

Routine sampling of milk and water was carried out and other samples and specimens obtained when necessary. The continued assistance of the Public Health Laboratory at Guildford has been much appreciated.

Careful surveillance of food establishments has been maintained and full inspection of meat has been carried out at the local slaughterhouse where the throughput has remained about the same. Refrigeration breakdowns at food premises were responsible for over 1 ton of frozen food being condemned.

General inspections of offices, shops, factories etc. has continued during the year.

The disinfection treatment for rats, mice and insect pests has involved a considerable amount of work, although no major infestations have been encountered.

Thirty-seven premises were licensed under the Petroleum Regulations covering a total storage of 107,676 gallons.

On the 1st April, 1970, the Council's Revised Hackney Carriage Byelaws, which permitted an increase in fares, came into operation.

Ninety-four applications for licences and registrations under various legislation were received.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their continued support.

My thanks also to the Officers of the Council and the staff of the department for their willing assistance at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. PRUE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

July, 1971.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The number of inspections of premises and visits made in respect of the various duties are as follows:-

Housing:

Defects	...	...	159
Overcrowding	...	...	-
Improvement grants	...	...	8
Miscellaneous	...	...	50

Public Health:

Drainage	...	...	108
Watercourses, ditches, etc.	...	...	30
Nuisances	...	...	83
Insects, pests, etc....	...	...	9
Infectious diseases	...	...	20
Public conveniences	...	...	79
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	27
Swimming pools	...	...	39
Movable dwellings	...	...	13

Factories:

With mechanical power	...	...	52
Without mechanical power	7
Workplaces	12
Outworkers	2

Water Supplies:	2
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Food and Drugs Act:

Food Hygiene Regulations	344
Shops	29
Restaurants, cafes and canteens	42
Licensed premises	...	...	28
Bakehouses	...	...	7
Ice cream	...	...	14
Milk and dairies	...	...	28
Slaughterhouses and butchers shops	647
Food vehicles	2
Other visits - condemnations, etc.	33

Petroleum	217
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Hackney Carriages	42
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Pet Animals Act	14
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Clean Air Act	24
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Noise Abatement Act	4
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Miscellaneous (visits, interviews, etc.)	344
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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. ...	189
Sampling:	
Water ...	45
Swimming pools ...	23
Milk ...	50
Number of dwelling houses at which nuisances or defects were discovered ...	25
Number of other premises at which nuisances or defects were discovered (excluding rats, mice and insect pests)	47
Number of nuisances under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ...	400
Number of other pest nuisances ...	362
Total number of Statutory Notices served ...	3
Total number of Statutory Notices complied with	3
Total number of Informal Notices served ...	72
Total number of Informal Notices complied with	57

HOUSING

Housing List

The number on the housing list at the end of the year was 178.

Rent Act, 1957

There were no applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act.

Unfit Houses

During the year the Council were unable to rehouse any families from the remaining unfit properties on the list for demolition or closure.

The following table shows the position at the end of 1970:

Number of houses demolished	...	26
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted vacant		6
Number of houses with Undertakings accepted still occupied		1
Number of houses repaired and modernised	...	61
Number of houses remaining for attention	...	<u>2</u>
	Total	<u>96</u>

Overcrowding

No case of statutory overcrowding came to the attention of the department during the year.

New Dwellings

During 1970, 49 dwellings were built by private enterprise and 7 by a Housing Association.

Improvement Grants

I am indebted to the Surveyor who has kindly supplied the following information in respect of improvement grants for the year 1970.

	<u>Discretionary grants</u>	<u>Standard grants</u>
Number of applications	5	11
Number approved	4	11

Housing Act, 1969 - Qualification Certificates

Three Qualification Certificates were issued during 1970.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

As in previous years inspection and sampling duties have been carried out by this Council on behalf of the Surrey County Council who are responsible for issuing the necessary licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

There were 4 dairy premises in the district, and in addition pre-packed milk was sold from 11 other establishments. Three milk retailers from outside the district sell milk within the district.

ICE CREAM

In this district ice cream is sold mainly in pre-packed form and there are no manufacturers. Most of the ice cream is supplied by firms with nation wide distribution.

MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, PRESERVED FOOD, ETC.

There are 10 premises registered under Section 16 of the Act in respect of the manufacture of sausages, preserved food, etc., and no adverse comment was called for during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are 3 bakehouses in the district and 7 visits of inspection were made.

GAME LICENCES

Six shopkeepers were licensed to deal in game, the fee for which is 37p.

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse which is under private management, and 4 licences were issued to slaughtermen.

A 100% inspection of animals slaughtered was maintained.

There are 11 butchers' shops in the district, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg.16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (Provision of sink)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19.
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Butchers	11	11	11	11
Canteens	41	41	41	41
Cafes and Catering Estab.	20	20	20	20
Chemists	6	6	6	6
Clubs	12	12	12	12
Coffee and Tea	1	1	1	1
Confectioners (Flour)	8	8	8	8
Confectioners (Sugar)	15	15	14	14
Delicatessen	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	4	4	4	4
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	12	12	12	12
Grocers and Provision Merchants	21	21	21	21
Hotels	18	18	18	18
Poulterers	12	12	12	12
Locker-freeze storage	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	28	28	28	28
Market Stall (W.I.)	1	1	1	1
Street Vendors	3	-	-	-

Inspections carried out under the Food Hygiene Regulations resulted in the following requirements:-

Cleaning and redecorations	...	3
Renewal and repair of flooring	...	1
Repair and cleaning of W.C.	...	4
Provision of artificial light to W.C.		1
Screening of toilets	...	1
Protection of food	...	2
Renewal of working surfaces	...	1
Provision of intervening ventilated lobby		1
Provision of wash hands notices	...	5
Provision of nail brushes, soap and towel		3
Renewal of sink	...	1
Repair to walls	...	2

No statutory action was necessary to enforce compliance with the regulations.

During the year 5 complaints were received in connection with food. After thorough investigation each complaint was dealt with informally, warnings or advice being given as circumstances required.

No difficulties were experienced in the administration of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES

Article	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
MILK:				
Untreated	2	Methylene Blue Test and Brucellosis	2	-
Ultra Heat Treated	7	Colony Count Test	7	-
Pasteurised	44	Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests	44	-
Sterilised	6	Turbidity Test	6	-
WATER:				
Main Supply	17	Bacteriological	17	-
Main Supply	4	Chemical	4	-
Main Supply	24	pH	24	-
Swimming Pool	3	Bacteriological	3	-
Totals	107		107	-

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

West Surrey Water Board Supply:

Sampling point	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
Main tap	12	Bacteriological	12	-
Main tap	4	Chemical	4	-
Main tap	12	pH	12	-
Totals	28		28	-

Mid Southern Water Company's Supply:

Sampling point	Number of samples	Examination	Conforming to standard	Not conforming to standard
Main tap	5	Bacteriological	5	-
Main tap	12	pH	12	-
Totals	17		17	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Ante and Post-Mortem Examination of Animals

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	574	10	93	1806	1361
Number inspected	574	10	93	1806	1361
<u>All diseases except Tubercu- losis and Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	42	2	-	11	29
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci.	7.31	20.0	-	.60	2.13
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	35
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.57
<u>Cysticerci</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The total weight of meat and offals condemned at the slaughterhouse during the year was:-

Due to Tuberculosis	...	284 lb.
" " Cysticerci	...	190 lb.
Other causes	...	<u>635 lb 8 ozs.</u>
		<u>1109 lb.8 ozs.</u>

RETAIL SALE INSPECTION

The following foods were condemned at retail premises as unfit for human consumption:-

Perishable Goods

English and imported meat and offal	...	168 lb.	
Frozen meat, poultry etc.	...	573 lb.	5 ozs.
Frozen fish	...	678 lb.	12 ozs.
Frozen 'other foods'	...	1122 lb.	12 ozs.
" " "	...	6 galls.	1 pt. 12 fl.ozs.
Margarine	...	24 lb.	
Chocolate	...		4 ozs.

Canned Goods

Meat	...	9 lb.	7 ozs.
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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The following extract is from the Annual Report under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, for the year 1970.

	Class of premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspection during the year
TABLE A Registrations and General Inspections	Offices	1	52	23
	Retail shops	1	86	46
	Wholesale shops, warehouses	2	3	2
	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	14	9
	Fuel storage depots	-	1	1
	Total	4	156	81

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises:-

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	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
TABLE C Analysis by workplace of persons employed in premises at end of year	Offices	342
	Retail shops	478
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	17
	Catering establishments open to the public	83
	Canteens	1
	Fuel storage depots	2
	Total	923
	Total males	407
	Total females	516

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 - INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	7	7	1	-
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	69	52	-	-
(iii)Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	11	12	-	-
Totals	87	71	1	-

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	4	4	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	6	-	1	-

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134):

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August required by S.133(i)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending list to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making etc.)	2	-	-	-	-	-

COMPLAINTS

789 complaints were received during the year. This number included 385 notifications in connection with rats and mice and these were dealt with under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Also included in this figure are complaints and enquiries concerning pests other than rats and mice as follows:-

Pigeons	5 (103 destroyed)
Flies	28
Squirrels	6 (All in roofs)
Cockroaches	3
Ants	23
Silverfish	7
Larder beetle	2
Wasps and wild bees	273
Fleas/mites	5
Slugs	2
Bats	1 (Removed from roof)
Advice on pests	7

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Two licences for caravans were issued this year by the Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two applications for licences were received and granted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

No applications for licences were received under this Act.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

37 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in respect of a total capacity of 107,676 gallons.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There were 13 licensed Hackney Carriages operating in the district and 20 drivers were licensed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 months ending 31st December, 1970.

	Type of property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	5202	23
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	381	4
Number infested by: Rats	312	4
Mice	67	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	413	4
Number infested by: Rats	-	-
Mice	17	-

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